

Before the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas

RE: Petition for Rulemaking]		
Concerning Department of	j		
Environment and Conservation]	Reference Number	
Notices to the Public Relating to]		
Water Related Permits and]		
Related Actions.	1		

This Petition is brought under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. § 4-5-201. Titled "Petitions for or against rules". The signatures and petitioners' interest in the requestas required by T.C.A. § 4-5-201(a) are affixed on the last two pages of this document.

Tenn. Code. Ann. Section 4-5-201(b) directs: Such petition shall state clearly and concisely:

- (1) The substance or nature of the rulemaking that is requested;
- (2) The reasons for the request and the petitioner's interest in the request; and
- (3) Reference to the authority of the agency to take the action that is requested.

These requirements are addressed hereinafter and by attached exhibits. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas: ". . . has and shall exercise the power, duty, and responsibility to adopt, modify, repeal, promulgate after due notice and enforce rules and regulations that the board deems necessary for the proper administration of this part, the prevention, control, and abatement of pollution, or the modification of classifications and the upgrading of the standards of quality in accordance with subsection (a). Tenn. Water Quality Control Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-3-105(b).

¹ T.C.A. § 4-5-201. Petitions for or against rules.

⁽a) Except where the right to petition for a rule is restricted by statute to a designated group or except where the form of procedure for such petition is otherwise prescribed by statute, any municipality, corporation or any five (5) or more persons having an interest in a rule may petition an agency requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of such rule.

⁽b) Such petition shall state clearly and concisely:

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⁽²⁾ The reasons for the request and the petitioner's interest in the request; and

⁽³⁾ Reference to the authority of the agency to take the action that is requested.

⁽c) After submission of a petition, the agency shall, as promptly as is consistent with the orderly dispatch of its business, deny the request or grant the same or provide for some modified form of the rule to be proposed. If the agency denies the petition, it shall promptly give notice thereof to the person who filed the petition. If the agency grants the petition in whole or in part, it shall proceed to meet the rulemaking requirements set out in this chapter.

The Substance and Nature of the Rulemaking That Is Requested.

Traditionally the Division of Water Resources (formerly Water Pollution Control) has made consistent efforts to involve the public in permitting decisions and monitoring to detect and report water Pollution events.

TDEC tells us that: "TDEC engages individuals and organizations interested in environmental policy and procedures in the agency's decision-making process. Through public hearings, meetings and other types of public information sessions, the public provides input on proposed actions that TDEC takes to protect the environment."²

The addition of a Regional Director for External Affairs at each Environmental Field Office is a change in deploying of staff resources which can aid in public participation.

PUBLISHED NOTICES

We believe that TDEC regulations have a serious omission in the notices for ARAPs and NPDES that are required to be published in local newspapers and the sign(s) that should be posted:

"To inform interested and potentially interested persons of the proposed discharge and of the tentative determinations regarding it, public notice shall be circulated within the geographical area of the proposed discharge by the following means:

(a) For major facility NPDES permits and public hearings,³ publishing in local daily or weekly newspapers and periodicals, or, if appropriate, in a daily newspaper of general circulation; . . ." TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(9)

"Major facility" means a municipal or domestic wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity of one million gallons per day or greater; or any other facility or activity classified as such by the Commissioner. (TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.02(46) Definitions)

² https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec.html (Engage Citizens in Environmental Decisions)

³ (7) Public notice of the preparation of a draft permit (including a notice of intent to deny a permit application) required under this rule shall allow at least 30 days for public comment.

⁽⁸⁾ Public notice of a public hearing shall be given at least 30 days before the hearing. Public notice of the hearing may be given at the same time as public notice of the draft permit, and the two notices may be combined.n of a draft permit (including a notice of intent to deny a permit application) required under this rule shall allow at least 30 days for public comment. TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(7) and (8)

Note that no public notice regulations⁴ apply to: "Persons engaged in the operation of a sewage treatment system that does not have a direct discharge to any surface or subsurface waters [who] must obtain a State Operating Permit (SOP) from the Tennessee Division of Water Resources.

The regulations requiring newspaper notice of a draft permit to be published by the permit applicant do not specify that a notice be noticeable in size or a type size to be readily readable. The important information which he Notice should include are specified in TDEC Regulations but are useless if the published notice is buried in tiny type. (See Exhibit Afor an example.)

TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(10) states:

- (10) Public notice of draft permits or proposed permit denials shall include the following:
- (a) Name and address of the Division, and the phone number and electronic mail address of the assigned permit writer;
- (b) Name and location address of each applicant;
- (c) Brief description of each applicant's activities or operations which result in the discharge described in the application or are adjacent to waters (e.g., municipal waste treatment plant, steel manufacturing, drainage from mining activities);
- (d) Name of waterway to which each discharge is made and a short description of the location of each discharge on the waterway indicating whether such discharge/activity is new or existing;
- (e) A statement of the tentative determination to issue or deny a permit for the discharge described in the application;
- (f) A brief description of the procedures for the formulation of final determinations, including the minimum 30-day comment period required by this rule and any other means by which interested persons may influence or comment upon those determinations;
- (g) Instructions for finding additional information online;
- (h) Address and phone number of the premises at which interested persons may obtain further information, request a copy of the draft permit, request a copy of the rationale, and inspect and copy forms and related documents; and
- (I) Any other information that the Commissioner deems necessary.

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A Notice of a draft permit available for public comment may also be combined with a Notice of Public Hearing and with notices of other draft permits. (Rule 0400-40-05-.06(6) and (9).

These Notices are the bedrock of public awareness and public participation by those who may be most affected by the discharge, familiar with the receiving waters designated for a discharge and the activity which creates a condition of pollution that must be addressed in the provisions in a permit. Neighborhood concerns and knowledge cannot be brought to bear if the published Notice is not effective to alert, inform and guide those nearby.

The notice must be usable by the "Interested persons [who] may submit written comments on the tentative determinations within either 30 days of public notice or such greater period as the Commissioner allows in writing. All written comments submitted shall be retained and considered in the final determination. The Commissioner shall give any state or interstate agencies whose waters will be affected a written explanation of the decision not to incorporate any written recommendation made by that state or agency." TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(11)

Likewise the published Notice should provide sufficient information on the proposed draft permit and encourage requests for a public hearing:

"Interested persons may request in writing that the Commissioner hold a public hearing on any application. The request shall be filed as soon as practicable within the period allowed for public comment and shall indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. If there is a significant public interest in having a hearing to address water quality concerns, the Commissioner shall hold one in the geographical area of the proposed discharge. Instances of doubt should be resolved in favor of holding the hearing." (TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(12))

Petitioners respectfully request that rules on newspaper public notices for publication be amended to require 14 point or larger type for the heading of the notice text and 12 point or larger body type. An model notice should be provided which shows best practices including the use of **boldface** and *italics* to emphasize subheadings and important statements. Petitioners urge that the Commissioner and TDEC's Office of Counsel should seek expert and professional guidance to make the model and all published notices as effective as possible. TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06

⁵ There are also: "Special provisions regarding public notices for public hearings.

⁽a) In addition to the public notice procedures of paragraph (9) of this rule [newspaper publication], notice of public hearing shall be sent to all persons who received a copy of the notice or rationale for the application, any person who submitted comments on the draft permit action, all persons who requested the public hearing, and any person who specifically requests a copy of the notice of hearing.

⁽b) Each notice of a public hearing shall include at least the following contents:

^{1.} Name and address of the Division, and the phone number and electronic mail address of the assigned permit writer:

^{2.} Name and address of each applicant whose application will be considered at the hearing;" (TDEC Regulation 0400-40-05-.06(13))

SIGNS

TDEC Regulations state under a bold heading NOTICE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

(1) For an individual application for a new or increased discharge, the applicant shall notify the public of the application by posting a sign near the point of entrance to such facility and within view of a public road. The sign shall contain provisions as specified by the Commissioner. The sign shall be of such size that is clearly visible from the public road. Also, the sign shall be maintained for at least 30 days following submittal of the application to the Division.

The signs used under the notice regulations⁶ are wholly inadequate. This sign is supposed to be placed near the "the point of entrance to such facility". No instructions in the regulation are directed to applications for other Individual NPDES permits. The experience of petitioners' counsel is that signs related other Individual NPDES permits are usually placed near the proposed discharge point.

TDEC rules say: "The sign shall be of such size that is clearly visible from the public road."

The department offers permit applicants a preprinted sign on 8.5 by13 or 14 inch paper to be filled in. These signs are almost impossible to read from a passing vehicle and are "visible" only in the sense that they may be detected if one is looking for a sign.

Often these signs are obstructed by vegetation. More important, they may be placed where there are neither road shoulders nor other safe places to stop and read the sign.

TDEC seems to ignore wrong location, content omissions and errors and misinformation in signs even when this is called to their attention. This occurred following the the permit application for the Proposed Water Authority of Dickson County (WADC) Water Reclamation Facility. See collective Exhibit B with photos of the sign that required to be at the facility location but was installed at the side of bridge with no place to safely stop and which proved to be miles away from the proposed Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) location when that location was revealed belatedly. 8

Occuments relating to this permit application are at: https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=2005:34031:8524605228721:::34031:P34031_SI TE_ID:168590

⁸ TDEC has noticed a proposed denial of this permit request. It should be applauded for this decision and the through and professional manner in which the application was considered.

State law has provisions which describe public notice signs which provide effective actual notice. Cities and counties may adopt the Jackson Law which allows local government legislative bodies to approve or disapprove proposed landfills after a statutorily defined public notice and participation process.

The notice signs provision is found at Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-211-703(h):

- (1) In addition to all other notice requirements of this section, the proposed landfill owner shall provide notice to persons owning property within a three-mile radius of such landfill no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of any hearing scheduled in accordance with this part by having signs erected on all roads leading directly to the proposed landfill site. The signs shall contain the information required in subdivision (h)(2), shall be erected on such roads at the perimeter of the three-mile radius and be clearly visible to persons traveling into the area.
- (2) The signs shall be at least three feet (3) high and five feet (5) wide and include the following in legible type:
 - (A) Name of the local city/county/official/department/agency reviewing the application;
 - (B) Name and address of the proposed landfill owner and/or operator;
 - (C) Location and size of the proposed landfill;
 - (D) Brief description of the type operation to be operated at the landfill and the type waste that will be accepted;
 - (E) A description of the time frame for making a final determination on the landfill application approval or disapproval; and
 - (F) Address and telephone number of the premises at which persons may obtain further information, request copies of data on the landfill, and inspect this data.
- (3) The highway department for the county in which the landfill is proposed to be located may erect and maintain the signs, and remove the signs within ten (10) days of the completion of all hearings related to the application for a proposed landfill.
- (4) All costs associated with the erection of the signs including, but not limited to, their design, construction, delivery and removal shall be borne by the proposed landfill owner.
- (5) A violation of this subsection (h) shall be a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of up to five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day a violation occurs constitutes a separate offenseo notiffy

This statute demonstrates the size of signs which the General Assembly found appropriate to notify potentially affected persons and offer an opportunity to comment on a proposed change in their neighborhood and environment.

Petitioners respectfully request that the regulations for signs be amended for water permit related notices including NPDES and ARAP draft permits on 4 foot by 4 foot sign(s) with text large enough to be read by passers by and noted by media reporters. (This is one-half of a 4 by 8 foot piece of plywood.)

Thirty days notice is certainly the minimum time that signs should be up and readable considering the long term effects that the grant of a permit may have on people and the environment.

These signs should be located at *both* the facility or other activity which creates water pollution the *and* proximate to the site of the discharge and a public road from which the sign may be safely read. The type size should be as large as feasible for the 16 square foot surface. Printed copies of notices should be available in outdoor brochure boxes such as those available from Amazon and elsewhere.

Simple language should be used in all notices and signs. Technical and legal terminology should be avoided. The text or notices and signs should be reviewed with software designed to analyze the readability and understandability of the notice.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Petitioners,

s/s <u>Brian Paddock</u>
Brian Paddock, Esq. TBR No. 006968
(with special thanks to Chauncey O'Dell)

Petitioners

/s/ Barry Sulkin

Barry Sulkin and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

PEER supports current and former environmental agency public employees at all levels of government, and the general public interest in the actions of such agencies, to see that they carry out their mission to protect the environment and public interest without interference in doing their jobs.

/s/ <u>Sandra Kurtz</u>
Sandra Kurtz, Chairperson
South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance.

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance as a citizen group advocating for the South Chickamauga Creek watershed in Chattanooga, petitions this Board to take the actions here outlined. The improved notices requested in this petition would be helpful in our work to keep abreast of development in our South Chickamauga Creek watershed.

/s/ William Moll William Moll, Conservation Chair Sierra Club Tennessee Chapter /s/ Axel C. Ringe
Axel C. Ringe
Water Quality Chair
TN Chapter Sierra Club

The TN Chapter Sierra Club through its Water Quality Committee and concerned members routinely monitors water quality related permit applications. Without TDEC providing adequate and effective public notices of pending permit decisions, concerned citizens are unable to provide public input to their government.

/s/ Bruce Blohm

Bruce Blohm and the Grundy Citizens group

As a citizen my interest is correcting this process. I have been blindsided by developments and drastic impacts to our water bodies without notice of the permitting process. The latest took place in regard to an ARAP involving a quarry in Grundy County.

The Grundy Citizens Group represents a group of citizens upset that NO knowledge was provided about an ARAP permitting process pertaining to a quarry, drastically impacting citizens in Grundy county. The group demands changes to this process.

/s/ Jim Redwine

Mr. Redwine has for over thirty years worked to improve environmental quality in Tennessee and nation-wide. He testified at the last Board of Water Quality, Oil & Gas about the importance of expanding the ability of Tennesseans to participate in environmental decision-making.

/s/ Austin Sauerbrei

Austin Sauerbrei, Executive Director Statewide Organizing for Community (SOCM)

SOCM (pronounced "sock-em") is a 50-year-old, member-driven organization dedicated to empowering Tennesseans in their efforts to have a greater voice in determining their own future. Together, SOCM members work towards a Tennessee where all people are treated with dignity, where our environment is preserved and protected, and where corporations and public officials are held accountable to the needs of the people.

EXHIBIT A

Notes to Exhibit A.

The red arrow points to the lower left column of a standard newspaper 10 in wide page allowing 9.5 inches divided into 8 columns of about one inch width with gutters between columns. The notice carries over to the top of the second column.

This page has been reduced so that it can submitted as an Exhibit on 8.5 by 11 inch paper.

Originally this is notice of an application for an NPDES permit to discharge "treated wastewater and storm water" from a proposed sandstone quarry and the crushing, washing and sorting and loading and transport of sand by truck.

Comparison of the notices on the same page, with the help of magnification if necessary, demonstrates the tiny type used as compared to other public notices and the advertisements which really seek a response like that of the Southern Tennessee Regional Health System advertisement for medical personnel.

The subsequent NPDES Individual Permit application and related documents (TN0070664) can be found on the TDEC Water Resources dataviewer at https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=2005:34031:8524605228721:::34031:P34031_SITE_ID:168590

This notice is supposed to be a notice of a draft permit. The regulation governing such notices and their content is set out in the body of the Petition. This notice does not conform to the requirements in TDEC regulations. (See Petition at pages 3 and 4.) This suggests that TDEC staff does not review the published permit notices for compliance with content regulations.

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BIDS FOR TRACY CITY

The Town of Tracy City is taking bids on mowing Tracy City city property. For more information please come by Tracy City Hall for a complete list of areas. Bids should complete list of areas. Bids should be received no later than Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Send bids to Tracy City Recorder, P.O. Box 277, Tracy City, TN, 37387 BIDS FOR TRASH PICK-UP

The Town of Tracy City is taking bids for Trash pick-up for residential and beaincean inside Tracy City, Pick up is on Tuesday. For further information is on Luesday. For further information please contact Tracy City Hall at 931-592-9213. Bids phould be received no later than Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Send bids to Tracy City Recorder, P.O. Box 277, Tracy City, TN, 37387.

NOTICE

Pursuant to section 67-5-508. Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Grundy County will be available for public inspection at room 112, Grundy County Courthouse during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect the records may do so at the appointed time and place. The Grundy County Board of Equalization will begin to annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 1, 2021. The Board will accept appeals for tax year 2021 only until the last day of its 2021 regular session which will be June 14, 2021. The board will meet each weekday from 9:00 to 12:00 in room 112 Grundy Courty Courthouse. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before the Board at this time. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right to appeal, Call 931-692-3596 to schedule an appointment time to meet



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The Grundy County Herald is seeking a General Assignment/
Sports Reporter to join its news learn. Must have a general understanding and appredation of severs including the distinct of the second severs including the sec sports, including but not limited to football, baseball, softball, baskelball (girls and boys) volleyball, track and field and golf. Should also be willing to cover county issues as assigned.

Previous newspaper wnling experience is preferred.
Photography skills are a plus.

Must be willing to travel for coverage of assignments. Must be able to manage multiple projects and submit by deadline each week.

Please submit resume and writing samples to iburrows@grundycountyherald.com,

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Altanomi, Transsee, beschy provides certain financial information for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget in accordance with provisions of Chapter 484, Public Acts of 1991, as mended.

There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at City Hall.

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INVITATION TO BID 2016 RTP COALMONT OHV BATH HOUSE SEPTIC SYSTEM Coalmont, TN

Sealed bids for the 2016 RTP COALMONT OHV BATH HOUSE SEPTIC SYSTEM will be received by the City of Coalmont at the Coalmont Fire Department, 6650 SR 56 Coalmont, TN until 500 P.M. CST on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Bids will be submitted to C.U.YER.LTTLE GIPSON ENGINEERING, INC.; 301 Industrial Blvd., Tuillationn, TN 37388. Project consists of the following:
The installation of a new septic system for the Coalmont OHV Park. The new septic system will contain of 2,500-gallon septic tark (two thousand-five hondred), 3,000-gallon dowing tank with pump (three thousand) and 1,000 feet of fill line (one instansand).
The TDEC permit for this installation may be reviewed at the Coalmont Fire Department, 6550 SR 56, Coalmont, TN, by calling Mayor Tom Meeks at 931-001/FIRE GIPSON ENGINEERING. IMC.

590-5424, or OLIVERLITTLE GIPSON ENGINEERING, INC. 201 Industrial BHz. 10llahoma, TN 37388 (331)454-5940 The Owner reservos the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all

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All Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of Tennessee in strict accordance with State regulations. No bid will be opened unless the outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid provides the following information: the name, license number, the date of the increases exprision, and the classification of the contactor. Faither of any bidder to comply therewith stell void such the called point ventures this, patch be stell returned period or considered. In the case of point ventures this, patch be stell returned to period or considered. In the case of point ventures this, patch be stell returned to the contactors becausing Act of 1978 and as amended (TCA Tille 82). All Bidders shall comply with the Contractors becausing Act of 1978 and as amended (TCA Tille 82). All Bidders shall comply with the Contractor becausing Act of 1978. All bidders shall adhere to Tille VI of the Civil Rights Act enacted in 1984 which states that TND person in the United States shall, in, be decided the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal familial assistance. The discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal familial assistance and or state of Tennessee lupidity.

No Bidder may withdraw him bid within abity (80) days after the actual date of the opening.

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COUNTY HERALD NEWSPAPER, TRACY CITY, Tennessee, on

I Day A Kniels a notary public for the State of Tennessee, witnessed the above signature on this 7 day of 2021.

Notary Seal:

O3-O1-2025 Commission expires



EXHIBIT B

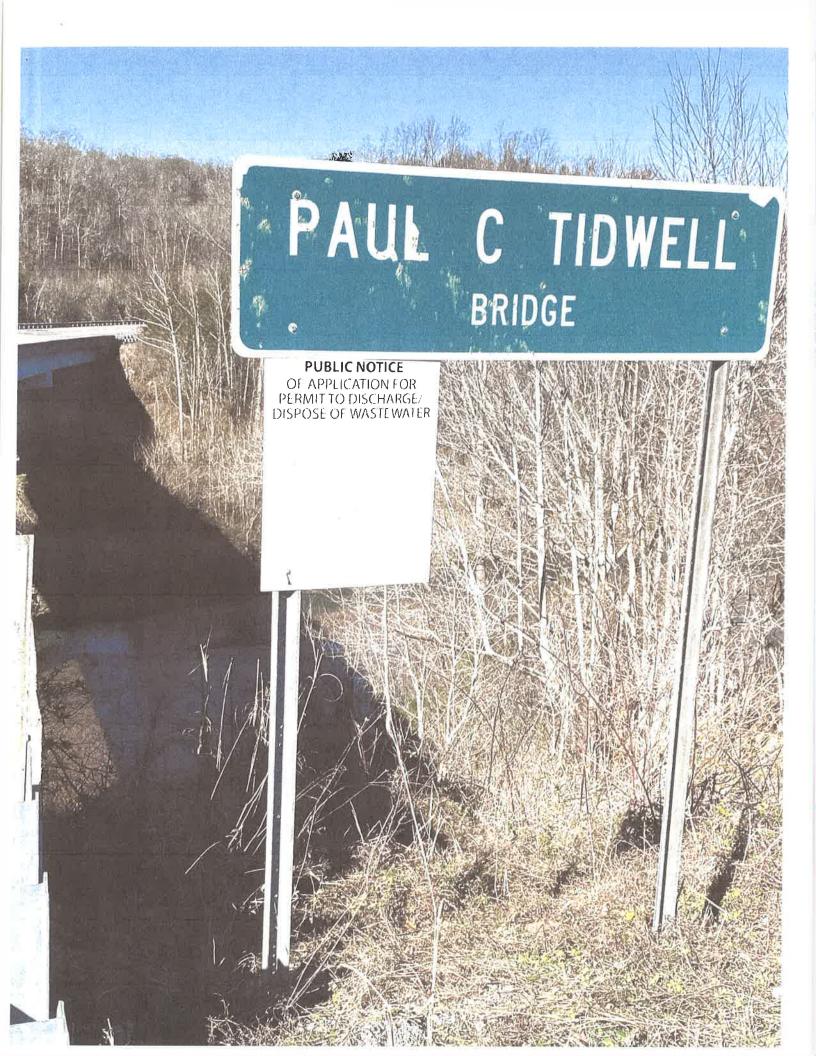
Photos of sign near bridge showing no safe place to stop and read the small printed sign.

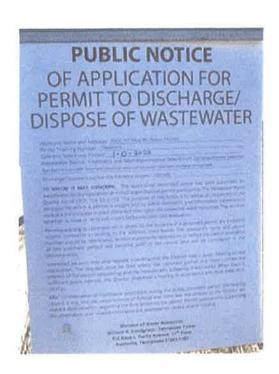
Letter from Hickman County Mayor with County Commission Resolution.

EXHIBIT B

Photos of sign near bridge showing no safe place to stop and read the small printed sign.

Letter from Hickman County Mayor with County Commission Resolution.







HICKMAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR

114 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 204 CENTERVILLE, TENNESSEE 37033 PHONE 931-729-2492 • FAX 931-729-6150 MAYOR@HICKMANCO.COM

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

TO: Commissioner David Salyers, TDEC 312 Rosa L. Parks, Ave. Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Wastewater Permit TN 0082376

Commissioner Salyers,

Hickman County held its regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting last night, Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM @ the Hickman County Justice Center.

At this meeting, Resolution No. 22-13 was submitted and confirmed by a vote of the Full Commission.

The original resolution was amended to include the 8th Whereas (paragraph 8 at the top of page 2). The request is for a Public Hearing to be conducted by TDEC as soon as possible. The location of the Public Hearing is also requested to take place in Hickman County.

I have included a copy of Resolution No. 22-13.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request!

Respectfully,

Mark A. Bentley

Hickman County Mayor

Mark H. Bentley

HICKMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE RESOLUTION NO 22 - 13

Requesting that the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Delay the Possible Issuance of any Permit Authorizing the Construction and

Development of a Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Lick Creek Area of Eastern

Hickman County, Tennessee

WHEREAS, The Water Authority of Dickson County in December of 2021 received at their expense a Preliminary Engineering Report and Plan for the development of a major wastewater treatment plant with a discharge point into Lick Creek in the eastern portion of Hickman County. This Report was apparently based upon data and information that had been developed over a period of three years by the Water Authority. The decision to seek a State of Tennessee Permit for this facility was made with no input from Hickman County residents or members of the Board of Commissioners of Hickman County, and

WHEREAS, Only in January of 2022 did the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation / Division of Water Resources attempt to notify residents of the Lick Creek area and Hickman County of this major development by tacking a small sign / notice by the Highway 7 Bridge to inform residents of the requested permit to develop this treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, Lick Creek is one of the remaining "exceptional" waterways in Middle Tennessee as identified by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and

WHEREAS, A large number of residents of Hickman County have expressed serious concerns about this wastewater treatment plant proposal and any possible negative impact of this proposal as to Lick Creek and also to the Duck River, and

WHEREAS, Concerns including potential flooding caused by the treatment plant, protection of wildlife and numerous other issues including the processing of waste in a large measure from Williamson and Dickson counties and questions as to any economic advantages or industrial growth to Hickman County call for further discussion and consideration by Hickman County residents, and

WHEREAS, a period of months would be necessary to allow the residents of Hickman County to review data and information and consult with experts concerning this significant proposal by the Water Authority of Dickson County, and

WHEREAS, The Water Authority of Dickson County will suffer no disadvantage from a reasonable delay as requested by residents

WHEREAS, the need for accurate public information is necessary for the residents of Hickman County, We requested TDEC to conduct a Public Hearing as soon as possible to provide that necessary information and request the Hickman County Mayor to write a letter to the TDEC Commissioner Salyers Requesting such a Public Hearing locally in Hickman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Hickman County, Tennessee (Hickman County Legislative Body), assembled in regular session on this 28th day of February, 2022:

That the Board of Commissioners of Hickman County request that the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation / Division of Water Resources delay the possible issuance of any permit or draft thereof concerning a wastewater treatment plant in East Hickman County for a period of at least six months. It is further requested that The Water Authority of Dickson County and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation provide access to the members of the Board of County Commissioners or their designees to the studies and data that have been relied upon in support of this permit application.

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Mark Bentley, County Mayor

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Lionel R. Barrett, Jr.	Keith Nash
District Five	District Four
BOARD ACTION:	Nay Pass Absent
ADOPTED: Mark A. Bestley Mark Bentley, Chairman	ATTEST: Casey Dorton, County Clerk
APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:	Signett MANY